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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFELLE

1. I MET WITH SENGHOR FOR ONE HOUR MORNING OF JULY 16. HE EXPRESSED HIS GREAT PLEASURE AT HIS MEETINGS WITH YOU IN DAKAR AND HIS FIRM INTENTION TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EXPOSITION OF MY TALKING POINTS, SENGHOR CONCURRED COMPLETELY WITH THE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES. LIKE HIS COLLEAGUES HE, TOO, EMPHASIZED SOMEWHAT GREATER POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. ALTHOUGH HE SUPPORTS SWAPO HE BELIEVES THAT OTHER GROUPS CANNOT BE REALISTICALLY EXCLUDED FROM NEGOTIATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE, AND IN FACT, IT IS IN SWAPO'S BEST INTEREST NOT TO TRY TO EXCLUDE THEM.

3. REGARDING RHODESIA, SENGHOR DEPLORED THE CONTINUING DIVISION OF THE NATIONALIST POLITICAL LEADERS AND NOTED THAT OAU HAD IN EFFECT AUTHORIZED FOUR PRESIDENTS TO EXERT MAXIMUM PERSUASION TO BRING THEM TOGETHER. HE MAINTAINED IDEA THAT POLITICAL LEADERSHIP COULD COME OUT OF THE "THIRD FORCE" WAS NOT REALISTIC AND INDEED WOULD MAKE RESOLUTION OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT, MORE PROLONGED AND MORE LIKELY TO BRING OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

4. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW MACHEL VERY WELL BUT WAS CON-
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CERNED THAT HIS IDEAS ON RHODESIA WERE NOT NECESSARILY IN

ZIMBABWE'S OR AFRICA'S INTEREST. NYERERE HE CHARACTERIZED AS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS IN HIS APPROACH WHILE KAUNDA, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY EMOTIONAL, IS MUCH CLOSER TO SENHOR'S CONCEPTIONS.

5. SENHOR STILL SEES A GENERATION ELAPSING BEFORE PROBLEM OF SOUTH AFRICA IS SOLVED. HE BELIEVES MOST IMPORTANT NEXT STEP THERE IS A REAL INTER-COMMUNITY DIALOGUE--AMONG AFRICANERS, ENGLISH SOUTH AFRICANS, COLOREDS, ASIANS AND BLACKS--WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO EVOLUTION OF INTERNAL SITUATION TOWARD TRUE MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY.

6. SINCE SENHOR IS HOSTING PRESIDENTS OF MAURITANIA AND MALI FOR OMVS MEETING, I UNDERScoreD NECESSITY FOR CONFIDENTIALITY, PARTICULARLY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. SENHOR AGREED AND ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD SPEAK TO THEM ONLY IN THE MOST GENERAL TERMS. SINCE THEY ARE HERE AND KNOW THAT I AM HERE BE BELIEVED--RIGHTLY--THAT HE COULD NOT IGNORE OUR MEETING COMPLETELY IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH OULD DADDAH AND TRAORE.

7. I TOLD SENHOR THAT, ON THE BASIS OF OUR CONVERSATION, I THOUGHT I COULD COMMUNICATE HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION US EFFORTS TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. HE AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND WENT ON TO UNDERScore YOUR POINT ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR SPEED.

8. I TOLD HIM THAT, IN ADDITION TO WELCOMING HIS COUNSEL, ADVICE AND SUPPORT, WE MIGHT ALSO NEED HIS ASSISTANCE AT APPROPRIATE TIME. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH SWAPO, NKOMO, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OTHER AFRICAN STATES AT ANY TIME WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. WHEN I MENTIONED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA, HE SAID HE HAD NOW DRAWN BACK BECAUSE EVERY TIME HE CAME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA, FOR INSTANCE ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES, DESPITE THE AFRICAN EMBARGO ON SUCH DEALS, THE SOUTH AFRICANS IMMEDIATELY PUBLICIZED IT, THUS MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT FOR HIM INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY.

9. COMMENT: WE GOT THE REACTION FROM SENHOR WHICH I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. HE IS SOMEWHAT MORE IMMEDIATELY PRE-SECRET

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OCCUPIED WITH THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA AND SECURITY IN THIS REGION WHICH HE ALSO DISCUSSED. (HE IS MOST CONCERNED WITH ALGERIAN, LIBYAN AND NIGERIAN AMBITIONS, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE THREAT POSED BY GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND MALI, AND ISSEEKING CLOSER DEFENSE RELATIONS WITH SUCH COUNTRIES AS MAURITANIA, UPPER VOLTA AND IVORY COAST.)

10. SENHOR IS DISTURBED BY WHAT HE CONSIDERS AMBIGUOUS

FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SAID THAT HE
WOULD RAISE THIS QUESTION WHEN HE SEES GISCARD AT THE
END OF SENGHOR'S VACATION IN FRANCE.

11. I WILL BE BRINGING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU FROM SENGHOR.
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